

## Ellsworth Lovejoy Redfern

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county, Iowa, February 27, 1875, the son of Dana Reed and Alice Celesta Webster; and reared on the farm; graduated from Iowa State college at Ames in 1894 at the age of nineteen; took a civil service examination and entered the U. S. weather bureau service, his first post assigned being at Vicksburg, Miss., 1889-1900; subsequently stationed at Columbus, Ohio, later in 1900, at Omaha, Nebraska, 1900-1903, at Sioux City, Iowa, 1905-1910, and at New York City 1910-1916, coming to Des Moines in 1916, where he served as chief weather bureau and crop forecaster twenty-six years; retired on February 28, 1945, from last post held; became research professor in climatology in agronomy department of Iowa State college on March 1 this year, but subsequently took a six-months leave of absence on account of illness.

Mr. Reed married Elmeta C. McGuire, September 12, 1897, at Ames, Iowa, the wife dying in 1941, the children being a daughter, Noama, previously deceased, those surviving, Charles Dana, Jr., a Des Moines attorney, and Mrs. J. Edward Twomey, St. Louis, Mo. He was a Republican, a member of the S. A. R., the Masonic order, and the Church of Christ; was active in scientific circles as a member of the Iowa Academy of Science since 1895, and a member of the Iowa Student Centers foundation.

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ADDISON M. PARKER, attorney and legislator, died at Des Moines, Iowa, October 12, 1945; born on a farm west of Guthrie Center, Iowa, September 30, 1878, the son of Charles S. Parker and Frances Owen Parker, who came to Iowa from Wisconsin in 1873; arrived in Des Moines as a youth of eighteen in 1896, and resided until manhood with John M. Day at the home adjacent to the state capitol building; graduated from East High school in 1898, from Drake university law school in 1903, and has since engaged in the practice of law in Des Moines; married Ida Louise Lange at Clarksburg, West Virginia, June 22, 1912; elected senator from Polk county in 1914 and re-elected in 1918; was a delegate from Iowa to the Republican national convention in 1924 at Cleveland, Ohio.

Senator Parker was active in political and real estate circles and at one time engaged in coal mining operations, becoming an authority upon coal land leases; was a scholarly writer, a Republican and a member of various clubs and fraternal organizations; served as president of the Des Moines Pioneer club in 1940. Mrs. Parker, two sons, Lt. Addison M. Parker, Jr., and Lt. Paul L. Parker, and a daughter, Mrs. H. Telfer Mook, and four brothers survive. Another son, Hugh C. Parker, is deceased.

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ELLSWORTH LOVEJOY REDFERN, chemist, died August 4, 1945, at Des Moines, Iowa; born April 7, 1875, in Red Oak, Iowa; son of Solomon Redfern and Julia Rogers Redfern; a graduate of Macedonia and Red Oak high schools, and received the Bachelor

of Science degree from the University of Nebraska in 1904; married Frances McGrady of Prophetstown, Illinois, December 26, 1903. Taking up his life work as a chemist he first became chemist for the Nebraska state department of agriculture, afterwards coming to Iowa in the same capacity in the Iowa department of dairy and food before the new department of agriculture was created, his combined service here as chief chemist being more than twenty-five years, illness compelling his retirement about two years ago. Mr. Redfern was a member of the National Committee on Standards of the United States department of Agriculture for many years; vice president of the National Association of Food and Drug officials two years, and a member of the American Chemical society more than forty years; a member of Masonic organizations and Alpha Chi Sigma, honorary chemical society, a Methodist and a Republican. Surviving are his widow and one daughter, Juliette, residing at Portland, Oregon.

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JOHN GRENVILLE HEMPEL, merchant and legislator, died at his home in Elkader, Iowa, on October 9, 1945; born in Giard township, Clayton county, Iowa, December 9, 1860, the son of Charles F. and Dorothy Newman Hempel; attended rural school and assisted upon the farm until at the age of twenty he obtained a clerical position in the general store at Giard, later becoming its manager for three years, and then removing to Elkader where he entered the clothing business; on February 1, 1887, married Emma Bickel of Giard; on April 1, 1895, opened a clothing business in Elkader which he conducted forty-two years; elected county auditor in 1896 and served four consecutive terms and in 1923 was elected state representative and served three terms; held many positions of trust in his town and county; was on the state voting machine commission, and audited the state fair association; was two terms a member of of the state Republican central committee from the Fourth congressional district; a fifty-year member of the Masonic order and active always in civic and political circles. Surviving are the widow, two daughters, a granddaughter and a brother.

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HENRY DELBERT MILLER, stockman, merchant and legislator, died August 26, 1945, at the family home near Morely, Iowa, where he had resided since his birth on January 7, 1867; an extensive breeder of black Angus cattle; engaged many years as a grain dealer, merchandising and banking at Morley, and at one time conducted an automobile distributor business at Cedar Rapids, having the distinction of being the only man or firm who shipped autos by the trainload into the state of Iowa; served as state senator from the Jones-Cedar county district from 1933 to 1939. Senator Miller is survived by his wife and a daughter.

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